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For: BIOABSORBABLE MATERIALS :  
: AND MEDICAL DEVICES :  
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-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial Number 09/263,268 filed March 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,206,883.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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